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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CYBERNETICS AND
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REF: OES MEMORANDUM OF JUNE 18, L976

1. FOLLOWING DECLERCQ MEMO OF JUNE 18, 1976, SCIATT LONDON HAS INVESTIGATED STATUS OF UK SUBJECT DR. J. ROSE. DR. ROSE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE BLACKBURN COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE LANCASHIRE TOWN OF BLACKBURN N (POPULATION 200,000). THE COLLEGE DOES NOT HAVE FULL UNIVERSITY STATUS BUT IT IS A WELL-RECOGNIZED LOCAL IN-STITUTION OF FURTHER EDUCATION SUPPORTED BY THE LANCA-SHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. IT OFFERS BOTH FULL TIME TECHNI-CAL COURSES AND PART-TIME OR EVENING COURSES OF FURTHER EDUCATION LEADING TO B.S. OR EQUIVALENT DEGREES. DR. ROSE, WHO IS 59, HAS A CHEMISTRY DEGREE AND WORKED AS AN INDUSTRIAL CHEMIST FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS BEFORE JOINING THE COLLEGE AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN 1952. HE SUBSEQUENTLY DEVEL-OPED COURSES IN COMPUTERS AND CYBERNETICS FOR THE COLLEGE AND HAS RISEN TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE ENTIRE OPERATION. HE IS VERY ACTIVE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS, ESPECIAL-LY IN PROMOTING LOCAL INDUSTRY AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR
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THE BLACKBURN AREA. HE IS PRESIDENT OF THE BLACKBURN

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THERE CAN BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT ROSE IS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE IN BLACKBURN. FROM A LONG TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE MAN, SCIATT LONDON BELIEVES THAT WHILE ROSE IS SOMEWHAT OF A PROMOTER, HIS INTENTIONS ARE GOOD. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE HIS STATUS IN THE CYBERNETIC WORLD OR HIS CLAIMED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA, MANEA MANESCU. WE CAN SAY, WITH CERTAINTY, THAT HE IS A WELL RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM DR. ROSE AS TO HOW HE MIGHT FURTHER PROMOTE US INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR CYBERNETICS AND SYSTEMS IN BUCHAREST, SCIATT SUGGESTED THAT HE SHOULD TRY TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF ACTIVE CYBERNETIC SCIENTISTS IN THE UNITED STATES. ROSE SAID THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO DO THIS.

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